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## **Rocket Boys of NIH DVD and Game Show Featured at the 2012 Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, D.C.**

The NIH Center for Scientific Review will help young people and their parents in the Washington, D.C., area get excited about science and learn about NIH by sponsoring two activities at the USA Science and Engineering Festival at the Washington Convention Center April 28-29.

### **The Rocket Boys of NIH DVD and Book**

CSR will be giving away free Rocket Boys of NIH DVDs and books at the Festival Book Fair in booth BF-2 in Hall B from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 29.

"I love to share this story," said Don Lockett, CSR Communications Director and author, "because it shows kids how they can do amazing things and how exciting research can be."



The book and DVD tell the true story of how a review committee at the National Institutes of Health in 1957 dug into their wallets and purses to give a "grant" to a 9-year-old boy named Terence Boylan of Snyder, N.Y.

His energetic request for \$10 to build a rocket ship not only moved members of this NIH committee to invest in the future it also inspired NIH to start the first education program for children. Today, the NIH Office of Science

Education touches thousands of young people through its educational materials and programs:  
<http://science.education.nih.gov>.

"Few adults let alone children understand how the power and importance of NIH peer review," said Lockett. "This fun children's story illustrates how external scientists who review NIH applications help us launch research that changes lives and makes the world a healthier place."

Learn more at by visiting the NIH Rocket Boys' Web page: <http://www.csr.nih.gov/rocket/>.

### **Who Wants to Be an NIH Scientist Game Show**

CSR will also host a game show that will teach kids about NIH and the science it funds on Sunday, April 29, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the NIH stage in booth number 2622 in Hall B.

### **NIH Career Encounters**

CSR scientists Dr. Kevin Walton and Dr. Elaine Sierra-Rivera will join other NIH staff in helping young people explore careers in science and government at the Festival's Career Pavilion on Saturday, April 28, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

[Learn More About Other NIH Events at the Festival](#)

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There also will be over 500 leading science and engineering organizations at the Festival, which will have 1,500 interactive exhibits and 75 stage shows.

**About CSR**

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH Institutes and Centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site— <http://www.csr.nih.gov> —or phone 301-435-1111.

**About NIH**

NIH — the Nation's Medical Research Agency — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit <http://www.nih.gov>